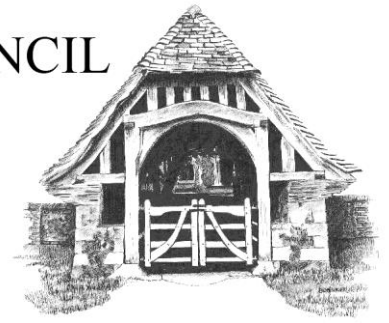


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,m.....Minutes Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th February 2022

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Rupe Patel, Herman Bleekendaal, Graham Pobjoy, MJ Streater (Clerk). Also, present 2 members of the public.

	<p>Public Question Time: There were no questions from members of the public. Herman Bleekendaal raised the recent email from a resident citing examples of recent approvals of planning applications, having a negative impact on local residents. There is a local perception that the Parish Council are not either aware of this negative impact or not prepared to take any action. The Chairman suggested this would be better covered when the RBWM Planning Issues meeting was summarised later in the meeting.</p>	
FC/146/2/2022	<p>Apologies: Received from Cllr Johnson and Cllr Hunt</p>	
FC/147/2/2022	<p>Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on 11th January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	Clerk
FC/148/2/2022	<p>Declaration of Interests: No Interests were declared</p>	
FC/149/2/2022	<p>Significant Matters Arising from the December Minutes: Shurlock Road Nature Reserve, Shurlock Road, WSL: The final read through of the lease is being conducted by the Chairman, who will then pass it to the Solicitors who will request the Searches. This could take 28 days. It is thus hoped the lease will be presented for Full Council sign off at the March meeting but realistically it is likely to be the April meeting. The Chairman will circulate to the Council when he is happy with it, and the Lease will form part of meeting papers when it is ready for full sign off.</p>	Chairman
FC/250/2/2022	<p>Planning Application: Reference 22/00135/CPD Address 17 Downfield Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0HU Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed 2no. front rooflights and 1no. rear dormer with Juliet balcony are lawful. Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 22/00186/FULL Address Bailiff Lodge West End Fishery Mire Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0HH Proposal Single storey side extension, raising of the ridge, new roof and alterations to fenestration. Parish Council Comments: No Objection</p>	Clerk Clerk
FC/251/2/2022	<p>Trees in a Conservation Area Reference 22/00178/TCA Address Latimer Halls Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0JB Proposal (T1) Apple Tree - fell and (T2) Willow - pollard to previous pollard (reduction) points. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer.</p>	
FC/252/2/2022	<p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: Reference 22/00270/FULL Address Bellman Hanger Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PL</p>	

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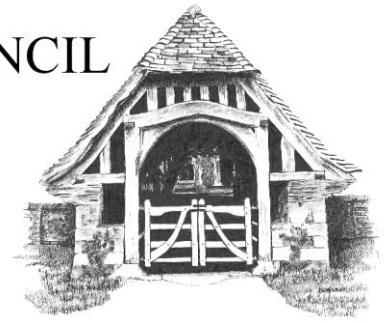
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	<p>Proposal Erection of 12no. dwellings with associated parking and landscaping and the retention of the existing access road following the demolition of the existing buildings, warehouse, external storage areas and hardstanding.</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: Request further time as the application was late, respond following March meeting. The Clerk to flag to Cllr Hunt to ensure that the application will be called to panel if RBWM are minded to approve. Response date noted as 8 March therefore the Clerk to request that the Parish can provide its response after its meeting on that date.</p>	Clerk
<p>FC/153/2/2022</p>	<p>Other Planning Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk highlighted that Bracknell Forest Council are still not registering Oak Tree Farm 21/03323 Full. Binfield PC have been copied on the comments made by WSLPC • Meeting was held with Mike Kay, Mark Hipgrave, Clerk, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Coppinger, Adrien Waite (Head of Planning). The meeting was designed to be constructive and not specific to individual applications. Subjects discussed were: <p><i>Officers not visiting sites-and therefore not observing issues:</i> RBWM responded that now officers ARE visiting sites though we have not seen sight of this. Perhaps this will change having had the meeting. However applications where the application relates to a matter of law do not ordinarily involve a site visit. It was suggested that there are instances when the application is a matter of law, that a visit should be encouraged if there is local knowledge suggesting a potential issue.</p> <p><i>Non availability of Planning Officers to speak to.</i></p> <p><i>Reports cross reference concerns raised in report but then do not address them.</i></p> <p><i>Inconsistency in applying tests eg bat surveys on neighbouring properties.</i></p> <p><i>Lack of attention given to applications by consultees. Comments received from interested parties not ordinarily fed back to consultees for comment.</i></p> <p><i>Highways, in particular, concerns over objectivity and independence</i></p> <p><i>Late entry of applications to the website (Oak Tree Farm).</i> Adrien Waite did admit this was a mistake</p> <p><i>Enforcement rarely pushed or punitive.</i></p> <p>The views expressed by WSL were not unique, and RBWM accepted this. Several follow up meetings are planned and will be reported back at future meetings.</p> <p>Herman Bleekendaal then raised the issue of the recent developments at Glebe Farm. It was agreed that Mark Hipgrave, in his capacity for Head of Planning for WSL PC ,would review all the data with the Clerk to establish whether there is an issue to be raised, given that the Enforcement team have still not attended the site despite there being conditions stipulated that it should be for <u>private</u> use, not <u>commercial</u>.</p> <p>Clive Scott-Hopkins asked whether the issue of the Conservation Area being appraised for WSL had been raised. It was confirmed that this was not raised. Clerk to liaise with Mark Hipgrave and Cllr Hunt.</p> <p>Herman Bleekendaal confirmed that there is a condition in the Wicks Lane report (21/02606 Full) that asks for a Highways survey. So far this survey has not been commissioned. The Chairman confirmed if this is not undertaken it will be a matter for RBWM Enforcement. Unfortunately, the Parish Council do not have the power to enforce 'Conditions'.</p> <p>The Chairman stressed how important it is that residents realise the fact that the Parish Council have no power over planning decisions or enforcement other than to discuss issues</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mark Hipgrave/Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark Hipgrave/Clerk</p>

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	with RBWM, and how important it is for residents to also liaise with RBWM despite the difficulty in doing this.	
FC/254/2/2022	<p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrews Yard: The site is now vacant and disconnected, but the Chairman confirmed it is not possible for either the PC or RBWM to clear the rubbish as it is private property. Pool Lane Vegetation: No update on this Milley Road Lights: No update Downgrove: Sewage: issue is with Environment Agency Ruscombe Development: The Clerk confirmed that the following statement has been submitted to the consultation regarding Ruscombe. <p>'We are totally opposed to such a large (2,500) housing development so close to our rural parish which would have a damaging effect on the very centre of Waltham St Lawrence, by reason of either or both B3204/Milley Bridge traffic routes including the railway under/over pass. In a Green Belt location any development should be restricted to in-filling within a Recognised Settlement or Brownfield Site subject to strict criteria including environmental considerations'.</p> <p>There is still money allocated in the budget to support the fighting fund for the 'Campaign to Support Rural Wokingham'. Clerk to continue to seek clarification on how the money is being spent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RBWM Planning Portal is still not live and has not been updated as planned. 	
FC/255/2/2022	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The Council approved the Clerk to approach Barrie Dancer to invite him to perform the Internal Audit 2021-2022.</p> <p>On-line payments were approved for: £2,653.54 (SLCC Membership, Accordis Office 365 Licences 6 months, Speedgun, Shurlock Row Christmas Trees, Burial Ground Green bin stickers, Hi Vis Jackets x 2 invoices, Clerk Salary, Aquabridge NR Legal fees.</p> <p>The Chairman raised that the Clerk was still outstanding a pay increase from April 2021. This to be addressed in March if the Unions are still arguing over the award.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that there is no credit/debit card available as it would not be compatible with the dual authorisation of payments made</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
FC/256/2/2022	<p>Reports from Representatives:</p> <p>Report from the Clerk:</p> <p>Borough Local Plan (BLP) was due for discussion 8.2.2022 (subsequently approved). Clive Scott-Hopkins asked the Clerk to follow up the points submitted by him re the BLP.</p> <p>Clerk was requested to invite the following to participate in the Annual Parish Meeting 26th April 2022:</p> <p>Cllr Johnson and Cllr Hunt to present on RBWM (maybe BLP)</p> <p>WSL Primary School</p> <p>WSL Preservation Society</p> <p>WSL Charities</p> <p>Neville Hall Charity (and brief update on Jubilee Celebrations).</p> <p>Clerk to ensure Rupe is aware of acceptances before Lychgate deadline</p> <p>Report from RBWM Cllr Hunt and Cllr Johnson:</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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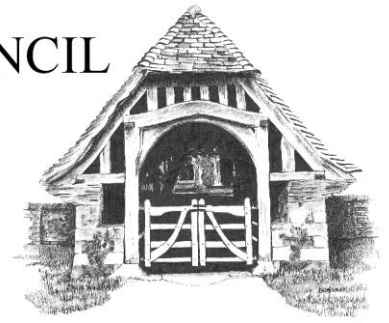
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Highways and Speed Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speedwatch: Jackets are available and signs to be put up this weekend. Rupe Patel is seeking formal certification from Thames Valley Police for the speedgun. 3 sites approved in WSL. • The work done resurfacing around the Pound is very disappointing. Clerk to contact Cllr Johnson with photos of the rather poor work. • Weight Restriction Project: awaiting feedback <p>Ditches and allotments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West End ditches: CCTV investigation work complete, Herman Bleekendaal to raise with residents of Woods Grove. • Hedge at allotments still needs trimming. • 2 dangerous trees, quote to be obtained and proof (or planning application) that they are dangerous before felling. • Mire Lane initial repair work has been undertaken but still remains an issue. Clerk to reapproach the contractor, if unsuccessful approach the owner, plus review with Environment Agency and RBWM. • Flood Plan :this was raised by Cllr Coppinger at the RBWM meeting, Clerk confirmed contact has been made but no feedback yet. <p>Footpaths and Bridleways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths: discussion with RBWM. 3 footpaths for strimming, Burial Ground, Brook Lane and Straight Mile. • All others to be volunteers • Kissing Gate repair in the allotments is still outstanding <p>Burial Ground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sycamore Tree: No update • Oak Tree: Clerk to meet with Rupe Patel • Green bin to be purchased £50 • Rogue tree next to Magnolia: will be resolved in March <p>Parish Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neville Close Triangle clearance awaiting further quotes. To confirm that the area is outside the Conservation Area and therefore does not require Planning Permission <p>Jubilee Celebrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Night The Pound/ The Bell • Saturday Breakfast Great Martins 2 sittings of 80 people only • Sunday Lunch The Cricket Field. • Herman Bleekendaal raised the issue of ensuring that all residents have an opportunity to obtain tickets. Decisions to be by the Jubilee Committee. <p>CIL Monies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to pull together working party to examine possible spend areas, Herman Bleekendaal, Clerk, Graham Pobjoy, Rupe Patel bring back ideas to PC for consideration • Shurlock Row Pond Clearance could be a possible CIL project 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clerk</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clerk/Rupe Patel</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clerk</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clerk</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clerk</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Paul Mason</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clerk</i></p>
FC/257/2/2022	Correspondence: There was none.	
FC/258/2/2022	Meetings attended by Councillors: Reported under Planning	

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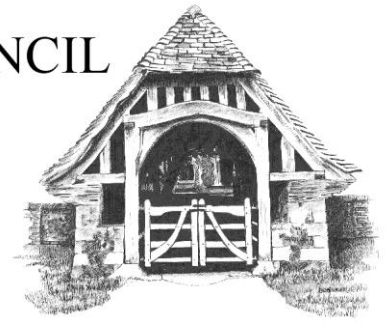
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<i>FC/259/2/2022</i>	AOB: None	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 5 th March 2022 Neville Hall.	
<i>FC/260/2/2022</i>	Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 8 th March 2022 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.50pm	